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**Reference: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site, Gary, Indiana
Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the
Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study,
CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004
February 2016 Monthly Progress Report #022**

Dear Ms. Blake:

In fulfillment of the requirements of Section IX, Paragraph 32, of the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent for the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study, CERCLA Docket No. V-W-14-C-004, the Respondents are submitting the February 2016 monthly progress report.

Should you have any questions or comments, do not hesitate to contact me or Mr. Mike Samples at (865) 691-5052.

Sincerely,
de maximis, inc.

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Enclosure

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MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT - #022

PROJECT NAME: Gary Development Landfill Superfund Site

PERIOD COVERED: February 2016

A. ACTIONS TAKEN TOWARD COMPLIANCE WITH THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

- In a letter dated February 4, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided the Gary Development Landfill Site Group (Respondents) with approval of the RI/FS Work Plan, dated January 26, 2016.
- In a letter dated February 19, 2016, EPA responded to a February 12, 2016 verbal proposal from the Respondents regarding the management of investigation derived waste (IDW). Specifically, EPA approved the management of non-hazardous IDW on-site.
- With e-mail correspondence dated February 29, 2016, the Respondents notified EPA that, consistent with the schedule presented in the previous Monthly Progress Report, the Respondents contractor would be performing a visit to the off-site pond proposed for background sampling pursuant to Section 3.5.3.3 of the RI/FS Work Plan. The visit is scheduled for March 3, 2016 and information gained from this exercise will be provided to EPA.
- For certain aspects of the RI work (e.g., drilling) subcontractor screening and procurement was initiated.

B. SAMPLING AND TESTING ACTIONS AND RESULTS

- None.

C. WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO MONTHS

- Continue implementation of the RI/FS Work Plan in accordance with the schedule.
- Investigate background surface water and sediment sampling location.
- Annual submittal of Contractor insurance certification(s) and insurance policy.
- Continue subcontractor screening, and procurement.
- Continue development of layout plan for brush removal and access roads.
- Initiate installation of access gate and no trespassing signage.
- Set up site trailer/equipment storage area, and schedule site utility hookup.
- Perform on-site building evaluation.
- Review literature/information for threatened and endangered species.
- Initiate water well survey.

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D. SCHEDULE OF SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES

- 2Q16 - Submit collected information to EPA following visit to background surface water and sediment sampling location.
- 2Q16 - Submit proposed subcontractor names/information for EPA approval.

E. CHANGES IN RI/FS WORK PLANS OR ACTIVITIES

- None.

F. ENCOUNTERED / ANTICIPATED DELAYS

- None.

G. COMMUNITY RELATIONS ACTIVITIES

- None.